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DISEASE EXPECTED TO INFECT NEW MILLENNIUM!

MISFITS' INFLUENCE MORE PREVELANT TODAY THAN EVER!

Good evil-ning wretched goons! Hellen Blazes here spreading myself across the front page to boast a little bit about my crypt-roommates, The Misfits as well as drop a few plugs about what's new!

Remember around 1988 when the public had that 'Fits surge and everyone was wearing a smiling skull shirt, including New Kids On The Block and even special guests on "Saved By The Bell" lavished their fake bedroom with the *Evilive* poster? To some extent that fever broke, but here in 1999 it looks like the public and industry are once again soaked with the sweaty fever of Misfits influenza; this time the band is together to help the wound keep festering. Long time fans, **Metallica**, recently released their collection of cover songs that featured all of 3 classic 'Fits tunes ("Last Caress", "Green Hell", and the newly recorded version of "Die, Die, My Darling"). These guys were in the original Fiend Club and we're proud that they keep our fiendish flame lit by their support! Another

fellow ghou, **Rob Zombie** sought out the talent of our favorite monster, Basil Go Gos, to perfect the album cover to "Hellbilly Deluxe". One is tempted to wonder if ol' **Zombie** would've hired Go Gos for the gig had The Misfits not enlisted Basil to paint the already classic "American Psycho" album cover. Other influences can be seen in Rob's "Dragula" video (compare to "Dig Up Her Bones" and "American Psycho" videos). Intentional or not, we cannot defame our **Zombie** brother... his high-profile fiend-activity is the highest compliment.

However, infecting the world with creepish hysteria is an ongoing task and our boys in black are hard at work right now on the new album. **Roadrunner Records** is the definate label The Misfits are signed to and the album is scheduled to be released in August 1999. However, we don't want to risk any false heart attacks this early in the game, so that release date could change. No title was given to the next

album at press time, but some songs include "Scream", "Fiend Club", the already fan favorite, "Cryin' On A Saturday Night", and "IT". "American Psycho" producer Daniel Rey is once again along for the thrillride, but the big question is: will Basil Go Gos' artwork appear on the cover? Well, dreary fiends, you could help the band decide! Send The Misfits your letters to say what you think!...We want to know!

In other recent news, Doyle went to New York City to inspect the prototype of his action figure by **21st Century Toys**. He gave it two resounding thumbs up, declaring it was so frighteningly accurate to detail! In mere months the Jerry Only and Doyle figures should be available in all **Toys'R'Us** stores and we encourage you to get them while they last! These figures are a landmark achievement for any band!

Now back here to the almighty Fiend Club... we're proud to say internet kingpin, Mark Kennedy from

Misfits Central is now a columnist at the **DIE-Gest**! Of course it was against his will, mind you, but when me, Mistress Blazes, ties you up and sez write... you write. He'll be captive here for eternity, so expect to see his column regularly! On another topic, we hope you're all at peace now that you have your membership cards. Be sure to bring them to shows so you can purchase the Fiend Club stuff we take on tour and get discounts on the regular merchandise!! Just to apologize for being late with the cards, I sent all of you little dears a full color postcard of my wicked self cohorting with Misfits ghou, Arch Fiend! Just another pus... ah, I mean *plus* for being a member!

Wrapping things up, the Chapter Head information is being sent in every S.A.S.E. we get along with whatever freebie we're promoting. We're reviewing entries and will choose Chapter Heads to complete our die-nasty before summer. The current contest is to design the "FREE BUTTON" you can get with a long S.A.S.E. (see info box). To enter,

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submit b/w art with no logos or writing (art only) to the Fiend Club c/o **Sticker Design** and we'll add any logos or graphics. Enter today so we can have these made right away! Winners will get a bunch of their own stickers and a Misfits prize pack. Get busy!

The **Fiend Club ILLUSTRATED** is already a success and we're still taking orders, as with *Evil Live II* and the tourbook: none of these items are limited or out-of-stock, so keep ordering! The scrapbook is being pressed in conjunction with how many orders we receive, which is a lot! Expect your copy soon! We're backing this project 100% and would like to see a boom in contributions sent in to the club. That's it for this installment, freaks! **Stay fiendish in '99!**

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KENNEDY'S QUARTERED HEAD by mark kennedy

Do you ever feel like The Misfits don't come to your town enough? Are you going through withdrawal because you haven't seen your favorite band in 6 months? Has it been so long since your last Misfits show that you don't even remember what Jerry Only looks like? You fiends don't realize how spoiled you are!

Since their touring "officially" started on March 12, 1996, The Misfits have performed live over 298 times. They've become a virtual touring monster, playing in 38 states, 24 countries, and 236 different venues. In 1997 alone, they hit the stage 123 times, averaging more than one show every three days out of that year! Although there are no hard facts, it's safe to say that very close to a million tickets to Misfits shows have been sold in the past 3 years.

Compare this to the "old days". From April 1977 until October 1983; a period of time frighteningly close to 6 years, 6 months, and 6 days in length, The Misfits performed live about 125 times. Today's band eclipsed this number in their first year and a half back on the job! At their peak, the largest that the *Earth A.D.* lineup played to was an audience of about 3,000. This past summer, however, The Misfits played in front of an audience of over

20,000 on one night alone!

What's the band's favorite time of the year to play? Halloween, of course! Since 1977, The Misfits have made it a tradition to do a special show on Halloween. In 1980, for Doyle's first show, they burst out of coffins and onto the stage. In 1996, they surprised the fiends by wearing Star Trek uniforms (incidentally, making them the **LARGEST** astronauts to search the "final frontier"!). They will always have new tricks up their sleeves.

It's no secret that today's Misfits get around. If you missed them last time, or if they just haven't gotten to your town yet, odds are they'll be there soon. With a new album due out in '99, the band is sure to be out haunting the road again before you know it!

FRANCHE COMA STILL HAUNTING LODI, NJ!

Misfits first guitarist, Franche Coma, who is responsible for the catchy buzzsaw ditties on "Static Age", is still living in Misfits' birthplace, Lodi, NJ and has always been a proud ex-member! The Fiend Club had the chance to find out how Franche is doing nowadays...

How old were you when you joined The Misfits?

I was 20.

What were your first impressions of Jerry Only and Glenn Danzig?

Jerry and I were friends long before The Misfits. His grandmother lived

SUN DEMONOMANIA!

Fiend Club tyrants, John Grimm and Misfits' manager, Rocky, take home third place for their 'Hideous Sun Demon' replica at a recent 'Chiller Theatre' convention.

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across the street from me. Glenn graduated in 1973 with my wife.

Do you still keep in touch with Glenn?

No. We spoke several times (after The Misfits broke up).

Would you be interested in doing a cover version of Misfits songs, as suggested by internet fans?

I would be interested if it were with the original 4 members. I would play some old songs and perhaps some brand new ones.

Was the Fiend Club active when you were in the band?

Yes! Everyone did their share of stuffing envelopes! I was Glenn's driver, as well as Jerry.

We wish we could've printed this interview in it's full form. Who else would you like to get an update on (besides Glenn)?

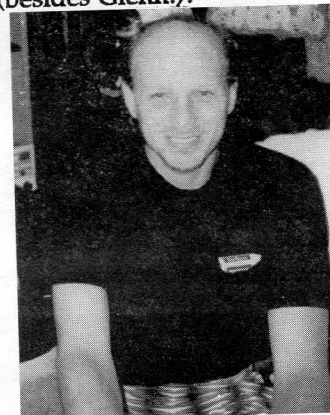


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Your letters and artwork!

FIEND CLUB CORONER

We regret that we don't have room to publish the winning essay. We thank everyone who submitted something! The winner is JARED BROWN, POST FALLS, ID. Great job! Cool prizes are on the way!

Dear Misfits,

I just wanted to take the time to tell you how much your music has helped me and affected me. The music you guys have created has helped me through a lot of personal problems. Like when I was younger, about 14, a lot of kids picked on me in school and told me I was weird. So after school that day I went home and put on "Legacy Of Brutality" and it reminded me that I still had friends in the world, and it was you guys, and any of the kids that made me mad, I thought about them when I listened to "Die, Die, My Darling". It made me feel a lot better and get on with the rest of my day.

Fangs A Lot,
It Black

I hope those Jr. High hoodlums are knee deep in their own blood by now! Remember, if life gets too tough and you resort to murder, you can always blame it on the music... we won't tell....

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Misfits,

You guys are my favorite band and are what made me decide to go punk. Thanks for changing my life for the better. Without you guys I would still be a dumbass nerd with no friends. Now I am one of the biggest female punks in my town. I can never thank you enough!

Lindsay Duggan
Durham, NC

Lindsay, you think you were a dumbass nerd?! You should have seen me before I met the 'Fits; plaid skirts and sweaters... now just look at me! It truly is a transformation with the urge to kill!

Q: I live in London, England. How do I order/write the Fiend Club?

-Bloody Blake

A: Go to any foreign exchange outpost and get AMERICAN MONEY and conceal it with your order. Put one crisp American dollar in a pre-addressed envelope to partake in our S.A.S.E. program.

Misfits Fiend Club,

My name is Nicole Lovell. My brother got me hooked on you guys and I can't stop listening! I, personally, am obsessed with skulls and death and can relate to your music. My absolute favorite song is "Skulls" cause I would kill, chop, and skin for a skull. Yes, I am psycho.

Nicole Lovell
???, USA

Thanks for the advanced warning, Nicole! We turned your name into "America's Most Wanted". (Hey, I'm not above finking on anyone! For once I saved a life!)

FIENDS! PLEASE NOTE:

S.A.S.E. means self addressed stamped envelope! You mail us an envelope and put inside it another envelope addressed to you with an American stamp on it! Foreign fiends must us U.S. postage (which will cost more than one stamp). Canadian fiends, we cannot mail your S.A.S.E.'s with Canadian stamps on them! Always put your name and address on the back of every letter, photo, art, etc. you send to the club!!!



by Niko Portasto, Suomi, Finland

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